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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of )  
Charles W. Wampler, II ) Examiner: Herng Der Day  
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For: Method for Computer-Aided )  
Layout of Manufacturing Cells ) Docket No: H-205672

**Response - Introductory Comments**

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The specification is amended in the paragraph at page 26, lines 5-11 to correct an error in reference to a numeral in Figure 9 of the drawings. The amended paragraph is written with the corrections identified on the attached page entitled Amendments to the Specification.

Claim 1 is amended at lines 24 and 25 to satisfy a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. The amendment is indicated on the following page entitled Amendments to the Claims. In accordance with the revised format for amendments, a complete listing of the claims is provided.

Figure 12 (sheet 7/7) of the drawings is amended to correct the spelling of PONCE (two occasions) to POUNCE. A corrected drawing sheet is enclosed.

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